

**AGENDA
WILLIAMSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, May 9, 2011
7:00 P.M.**

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT:

2. SELECTMEN'S MINUTES: April 25, 2011

3. LICENSES AND PERMITS:

A. Request from the Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute for Four One-Day All Alcoholic Beverage Licenses- applicant Judy Ensign:

1. Thursday, August 4, 2011 from 5-7 pm at Stone Hill Center at the Clark for Club 7 event at (architect) Tadao Ando's "7 Wall"
2. Thursday, August 11, 2011 from 5-7 pm at Stone Hill Center at the Clark for Club 7 event at (architect) Tadao Ando's "7 Wall"
3. Thursday, August 18, 2011 from 5-7 pm at Stone Hill Center at the Clark for Club 7 event at (architect) Tadao Ando's "7 Wall"
4. Thursday, August 25, 2011 from 5-7 pm at Stone Hill Center at the Clark for Club 7 event at (architect) Tadao Ando's "7 Wall"

B. Request from The Spirit Shop, 280 Cole Ave, Jonathan Baker President for a One Day Wine & Malt Beverage License – Wednesday, June 1, 2011 from 5:30-11:30 pm at the Mount Hope Mansion for a Senior Dinner Dance.

4. ITEMS FOR SELECTMEN'S CONSIDERATION:

A. Water and Sewer Warrant - \$130,434.70

5. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

6. PETITIONER'S REQUEST:

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

8. Vote to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to non-union personnel and not to reconvene in open session

Next Selectmen's meeting is Monday, May 23, 2011 – 7 p.m.

Town Election is May 10, 2011 – 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Town Meeting is May 17, 2011 – 7 p.m.

MINUTES
WILLIAMSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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Present: Ronald Turbin, Chair, Tom Costley, Thomas E. Sheldon, Jane B. Allen, David A. Rempell

Others Present: Jonathan Baker, Judy Ensign, Peter Fohlin, Kathy Poirot

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT: Mr. Turbin congratulated Officer Ziemba and Officer Canine Blue for Blue being selected Top Dog: Canine Cop of the Year by a panel of judges from the National Museum of Crime and Punishment, the Humane Society of the U.S. and the Washington Humane Society. Blue will be featured on the Washington D.C. museum's website, Facebook page and monthly electronic newsletter. A photo of Blue will be in the Canine Cop 2012 calendar, available through the Humane Society of the United States.

Mr. Turbin also reminded residents of tomorrow's town election and the annual town meeting that will be held on Tuesday, May 17.

2. SELECTMEN'S MINUTES: April 25, 2011 - Mr. Sheldon moved to approve the April 25, 2011 selectmen minutes. Mr. Turbin seconded and the motion carried 4-0-1 with Mr. Rempell abstaining.

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Ms. Allen moved to approve the four one-day All Alcoholic Beverage License applications as submitted. Mr. Costley seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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One Day Wine & Malt Beverage License – Wednesday, June 1, 2011 from 5:30-11:30 pm at the Mount Hope Mansion for a Senior Dinner Dance.

Mr. Rempell moved to approve the one-day Wine & Malt Beverage License application as submitted. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

4. ITEMS FOR SELECTMEN’S CONSIDERATION:

A. Water and Sewer Warrant - \$130,434.70 – Ms. Allen moved to approve the water and sewer warrant in the amount of \$130,434.70. Mr. Rempell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

5. TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT: Attached and located on the town’s website

6. PETITIONER’S REQUEST: None

7. OTHER BUSINESS: Ms. Allen announced the good news that a grant of \$700,000 in both federal and state monies had been received to support the proposed bike path between Williamstown and North Adams. The grant will provide sufficient funds to bring the Williamstown section of the trail up to the 100% design phase.

Mr. Sheldon said he and Mr. Turbin attended the Berkshire County Selectmen’s meeting with Sheriff Bowler as speaker. He said one of the topics discussed was the availability of individuals within the correction system for public service.

In other business, Mr. Turbin submitted an annual review of Town Manager Peter Fohlin. Mr. Turbin said Mr. Fohlin has the skills of attending to details without losing the larger picture. Mr. Costley said he was impressed with Mr. Fohlin’s constant professionalism and always performs his job with enthusiasm. He said, “You won’t always get what you want from Town Hall but you will be listened to and never see any loss in professionalism.” Ms. Allen said Mr. Fohlin has instilled a “We Work for You” culture that has not gone unnoticed by residents. She said townspeople have high expectations, as they should, and Mr. Fohlin very much meets these expectations.

Mr. Fohlin said he has an outstanding group of middle managers, directors, superintendents and administrative staff and that the Town’s success is due to the fact that we all work together so well.

The Board’s assessment refers to Mr. Fohlin as the “consummate town manager” and credits him for making the town one of the “best communities in the Commonwealth.” Mr. Turbin said although there are many fine managers in Berkshire County, he is convinced that we have the best. Mr. Fohlin’s 2011 assessment is attached to the minutes and a copy was placed in his personnel file.

Mr. Turbin announced the next selectmen's meeting will be Monday, May 23, 2011 at 7 pm., Town Elections are Tuesday, May 10, 2011 from 7 am to 8 pm and Town Meeting is Tuesday, May 17, 2011 at 7 p.m.

8. Ms. Allen moved that the Board vote to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to non-union personnel and not reconvene in open session. Mr. Rempell seconded and the motion carried by roll call vote, Aye, Tom Costley, Aye, David Rempell, Aye, Ron Turbin, Aye, Thomas Sheldon, and Aye, Jane Allen.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane B. Allen, Secretary